

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

All of the claims are rejected over the combination of the patent Nakagaki et al., and Orrmann et al. Essentially, the Examiner argues that it would have been obvious to move the dead end hitches of Nakagaki et al. to one side of the car. However, adopting the arrangement of dead end sheaves of Orrmann et al. into Nakagaki et al. would not meet the claims. The claims require that the dead end hitches are above a vertically lower most surface of the bedplate. In Orrmann et al., they are below the bedplate.

In sum, reconsideration of the final rejection is requested. Nakagaki et al. modified by Ormann et al. would not meet the claims, and further is not properly suggested by these references.

Respectfully Submitted,

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